Raw material division of SAIL

5246. SHRI JIBON ROY : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that SAIL has decided to wind up its Raw Material Division from Kolkata;

(b) what was the performance of RMD so far; and

(c) whether SAIL is shifting its RMD to Rourkela?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJ KISHORE TRIPATHY) : (a) and (c) No, Sir. (b) The total quantity of Iron Ore and Flux (Limestone & Dolomite) produced and despatched from the mines under RMD during the last three years is given below :

(Million Tonne)

	Production			Despatches		
	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Iron Ore	10.7	11.2	11.8	10.6	11.1	11.8
Flux (Limestone & Dolomite)	1.14	0.96	1.12	1.10	0.88	1.20

The mines under Raw Material Division (RMD) have shown a growth of 44% in production of Iron Ore during 2002-03 as compared to 1989-90.

Due to major technological changes, the quality of flux (Limestone and Dolomite) of RMD mines was no longer found suitable for use in Steel Plants. Accordingly, total supply of flux has gradually been brought down, in tune with the demand from the Steel Plants, to 1.20 MT during the year 2002-03, as compared to 2.47 MT in 1989-90.

Dumping of Steel Products

5247. SHRI RAJU PARMAR : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) whether the designated authority has investigated the dumping of steel products in the country;

(b) if so, the countries which are indulging in dumping of steel products; and

(c) the action initiated in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJ KISHORE TRIPATHY) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The details are given in the Statement.